

## SAW MILL RIVER BASIN, Westchester County, New York

Flood Control and Ecosystem Restoration

## **FACT SHEET**

**DESCRIPTION:** The Saw Mill River Basin is located in the southwestern part of Westchester County, New York. Federal flood control projects have been completed along several sections of the Saw Mill River at Chappaqua, Ardsley, Nepera Park, and Yonkers. The construction has changed the aquatic resources and habitat ecology of the area. While these existing completed projects are to be maintained for their flood control benefit, opportunities for environmental restoration need to be considered.

**AUTHORIZATION:** The study of the Saw Mill River Basin, New York is authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1965, as modified.

**STATUS:** The reconnaissance phase was initiated 31 March 1999 with the mailing of public notices. An initial brainstorming meeting was held 4 May 1999 with Federal, State, and local parties to assess the current conditions and initiate formulation of sites for future study. Site visits were held on 14 and 22 July 1999, with a follow-up site-assessment coordination meeting with non-federal interested parties held September 16, 1999. A 905(b) Preliminary Analysis, which determines Federal interest, was submitted to Corps Headquarters and approved 29 November 1999. The Reconnaissance Phase of the study was certified by Corps Headquarters on 17 February 2000. The non-Federal sponsor of the feasibility study is Westchester County. The Project Management Plan for the Feasibility Study is currently being negotiated with the non-federal sponsor.

## **FEASIBILITY STUDY COST:**

Estimated Federal Cost \$1,258,500
Estimated Non-Federal Cost \$1,258,500
Total \$2,517,000

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